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Sent: 9/4/2020 3:03:50 PM
To: Wakefield, Benjamin J. [wakefield.benjamin@epa.gov]; Bohnenblust, Eric [Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov]; Kaczmarek, Chris [Kaczmarek.Chris@epa.gov]; Schwarz, Stephanie [Schwarz.Stephanie@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: Bohnenblust, Eric shared "Response to press inquiry draft 09032020" with you.

Ok, great! Thanks to OGC for the edits.

Amanda

From: Wakefield, Benjamin J. <wakefield.benjamin@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Pierce, Amanda <pierce.amanda@epa.gov>; Bohnenblust, Eric <Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov>; Kaczmarek, Chris <Kaczmarek.Chris@epa.gov>; Schwarz, Stephanie <Schwarz.Stephanie@epa.gov>
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Amanda,

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks for chasing this down!

- Ben

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Hi Ben,

Great! I've responded to your question and I've raised another question regarding the **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** sentence.

Amanda

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Amanda,

Stephanie had a couple of suggestions **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I added those to the SharePoint document.

I also fixed one typo, and had one question/comment. Those are in the SharePoint document now as well.

Thanks!

- Ben

From: Bohnenblust, Eric <Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 4:39 PM

To: Kaczmarek, Chris <Kaczmarek.Chris@epa.gov>; Wakefield, Benjamin J. <wakefield.benjamin@epa.gov>

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Chris and Ben,

We got a press inquiry on Oxitec and have prepared a response. Given the possible pending litigation can you take a look at our draft (text below and at the link) and let us know if you have any comments. Please put any comments/edits on the word document connected to the link for ease of editing. It is pretty short. I believe FEAD would like to send this to the OCSPF IO tomorrow if possible for a Tuesday response deadline. Thanks.

https://usepa-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/bohnenblust_eric_epa_gov/EWVOJQ8WZ6lPuIAEEHmbZnIB1l1tRZiYKonTJmPLvrZPwA?e=JMHqIr

Incoming:

My name is Susan Jhun and I'm a reporter with CUNY TV in New York City. I'm working on a story for our Emmy-nominated science show, Simply Science, about the EPA-approved pilot program to release over 750 million GMO mosquitoes in the Florida Keys as an alternative to spraying insecticides to combat Aedes Aegypti. I'm hoping to either get a statement or an on camera interview via zoom from an EPA spokesperson. I would like to know why The EPA approved the plan and what it's response is to those who object to the plan, arguing that the mosquitoes could put the environment and endangered species at risk.

Response:

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Looks good to me with my edits.

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☐ Given the pending lawsuit and relation to this inquiry, I think this needs to go by OGC before the Agency responds.
Thanks.

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From: Bohnenblust, Eric <Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2020 2:20 PM

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Subject: Bohnenblust, Eric shared "Response to press inquiry draft 09032020" with you.

Mike,

here is a link to a press inquiry that FEAD sent to Alan and I earlier today. Please look at it and let me know if you have any comments. The ask is at the top of the page.

I'm also sending to Amanda in case there is anything she wants to add/edit with regard to the environmental risk assessment in the 2nd paragraph of the response. Looks like FEAD would like to send something to OCSPP IO tomorrow.

Thanks.



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